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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Takaji WAKITA et al.

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Art Unit: 1648

For: NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT CONTAINING  
FULLLENGTH GENOME OF HUMAN  
HEPATITIS C VIRUS, RECOMBINANT  
FULLLENGTH VIRUS GENOME-  
REPLICATING CELLS HAVING THE  
NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT  
TRANSFERRED THEREINTO AND METHOD  
OF PRODUCING HEPATITIS C VIRUS  
PARTICLE

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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH MPEP §713.04**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 31, 2009

Madam:

Applicant submits herewith a statement on the substance of the telephonic interview held on July 16, 2009 with Examiner Lucas and the Applicant's Representative. At that time, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 and 35 U.S.C. 103 were discussed, particularly with reference to Applicant's response of July 1, 2009, including the claim amendments in that response. The Examiner indicated that the amendments to the claims in Applicant's response of July 1, 2009 appear to overcome the outstanding rejections. The Examiner proposed some amendments to the withdrawn method claims so that those claims could be rejoined with the product claims that

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should now be allowable. Applicants subsequently filed a Supplement Amendment on July 22, 2009 to make the proposed amendments to the method claims.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: July 31, 2009

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